

# Baptist Response Rising On World with Hunger

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"Christians in America must face one basic, startling reality about our world and its suffering—most of humanity is hungry."  
Southern Baptists have long been aware of the truth in this statement by Sen. Mark Hatfield (R., Ore.), but recently this awful reality has struck home with new impact.  
Sen. George McGovern (D., S.D.) said at a recent national Christian Life Commission seminar in Louisville, that the United

States cannot expect to feed the entire world but noted that is no excuse for slacking up on our efforts.  
At least 2 million people will die of starvation by the end of summer, 1975, unless adequate foreign food aid is provided, some authorities claim.  
One-fifth of the world's population faces malnutrition or starvation.  
Baptist efforts to help the world's starving and needy range from missing a meal occasionally and giving the savings to disaster

relief, to statewide projects to challenge masses of people to give money and materials.  
There has been some criticism that the denomination has moved too slowly in the direction of disaster relief, but interest and action have definitely accelerated, observers note.  
The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which serves as a central distribution agency for Baptists' special gifts to world relief, reports that in January and February people in the denomination gave more than \$182,000 to

help alleviate suffering.  
During 1974, \$458,347 was made available for world relief through the Foreign Mission Board. An additional sum of \$447,845 was contributed by various Baptist groups and distributed in 1974 through the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).  
In response to requests from the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Foreign Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in its February meeting named eight persons as an advisory committee to help

speed up response to disaster, including food shortages.  
Also in February, the Foreign Mission Board took steps to strengthen its structure for world relief. Eugene Grubbs was named as the board's disaster response coordinator, a board sub-committee on world hunger and relief was appointed, and each overseas mission organization was urged to designate a disaster response coordinator and a relief committee.  
Baptist state conventions report response to large scale appeals has been good to excellent.

In North Carolina, where unemployment recently reached 10%, Baptists gave over \$200,000 in two months, with receipts still coming in.  
Texas Baptists' relief mobile unit returned from disaster-stricken Honduras recently after serving more than 120,000 meals to victims of hurricane Fifi and to relief workers.  
Texas Baptists have launched a long range plan to help alleviate world hunger. The 192-member

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### 10 Men Remain In Saigon

## Vietnam Mission Families Evacuate

RICHMOND (BP) — All Southern Baptist missionaries, except 10 men, have been evacuated from war-torn South Vietnam, it was learned here.  
R. Keith Parks, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia, learned in an April 1 telephone conversation with missionaries in Saigon, that the board's missionaries and dependents have left South Vietnam, except for the 10, who will stay in Saigon ministering to relief needs of refugees in that area.  
The evacuated missionaries scattered temporarily to Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, and Taiwan, awaiting further developments.  
"All of these moves are temporary," Parks said. "We will

have to wait until the situation in Vietnam stabilizes before we can know the next step to take."  
Remaining in Saigon are missionaries H. Earl Bengs Jr., Robert C. Davis Jr., Kenneth L. Goad, Herman P. Hayes, Samuel M. James, Samuel F. Longbottom Jr., Peyton M. Moore, William T. Roberson, and Gene V. Tunnell. Jack T. Miller, a special project missionary, is also staying in Saigon.  
"At the present time, they feel they can be of service there," said Parks.  
"Because of the uncertainty of the situation, it did not seem wise for the women and children to stay."  
"The 10 men remaining are hoping that the situation will stabilize."  
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### March Cooperative Program Receipts Go Above 1974

Cooperative Program receipts for the Mississippi Baptist Convention for March of 1975 were \$12,015 above the receipts for the same period of 1974 and helped build a total for 1975 of \$73,753 above the receipts for the first three months of 1974.  
The month's total receipts received from Mississippi Baptist churches through the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, amounted to \$339,298. The total

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PHU BUN, So. Vietnam—A race for safety. Refugees from the central highlands in South Vietnam, run among helicopters waiting to evacuate them to safer areas. Group was among thousands in a long convoy which was shot up, and divided, by northern forces. (RNS Photo)

## Executive Committee Calls For Hunger Relief Offering

An offering to help provide aid for hungry people around the world has been projected for April 13 in Mississippi Baptist churches.  
Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that the executive Committee of the board had taken action to urge

the churches to take the offering and had suggested a statewide goal of \$50,000.  
"The main thrust of the offering at this time is to get money for food and Bibles into the hands of Southern Baptist missionaries in South Vietnam, hopefully before it is too late to help the destitute refugees of that war-ravaged

land," Dr. Kelly said.  
The theme for the day will be "Sharing for World Need," he added.  
"It is felt that food for hungry people, given in the name of Christ, is one of the most urgent responsibilities of Baptists through their missionaries right now; and also it is felt that it will be well

to, at the same time, place in their hands Bibles or portions of the Bible to seek to meet spiritual needs as well as physical," Dr. Kelly continued.  
Mississippi Missionary

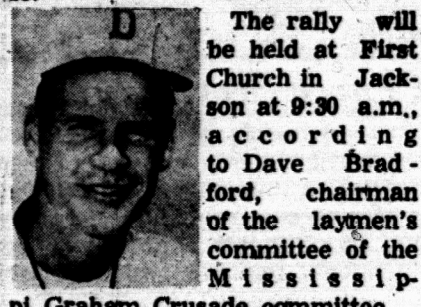
Lewis Myers Jr. is a native Mississippian who is a missionary to South Vietnam and now on furlough in Boyle, Miss. He said:

"The 10 missionary men remaining in Saigon are involved in administering the extensive relief efforts of the Vietnam Baptist Mission. With millions of refugees streaming into areas in and around Saigon with no possessions, their physical needs are massive; with extreme emotional stresses in the loss of goods and life, their spiritual needs are critical. The missionary men are trying to provide food, basic living utensils, essential medical care, and Bibles for the people streaming into the area. In order to provide these

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## Cowboy Coach Scheduled For Prayer Breakfast

Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys, of the National Football League, will be the principal speaker at the Men's Prayer Rally to be held April 19 in preparation for the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade set for May 11-18.



The rally will be held at First Church in Jackson at 9:30 a.m., according to Dave Bradford, chairman of the laymen's committee of the Mississippi Graham Crusade committee.  
The Rally will begin with a "Continental" breakfast to be served cafeteria style beginning at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church, with the regular program to be held in the sanctuary with Mr. Landry as principal speaker.

Admittance will be by ticket. These may be secured at the host church office, Graham Crusade Headquarters at 418 East Woodrow Wilson, Maranatha Book Store, all Primos Restaurants, Main offices of Deposit Guaranty National Bank and First National Bank and the Downtown YMCA.  
Coach Landry led the Cowboys, formed in 1960, to a Super Bowl victory over the Miami Dolphins following the 1971 season.  
Tom Landry is an active Methodist layman and has a strong Christian witness which he has demonstrated on many occasions throughout the nation.  
He was local chairman for the Billy Graham Crusade in Dallas in 1971 and has given his Christian witness at three other Graham Crusades — Birmingham, St. Louis, and Phoenix.  
Coach Landry is serving his second year as national president of

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## World Hunger

### An Editorial

One issue, above almost all others, looms before the world right now, and it grows ever larger. "Millions of people are hungry." The "pale horse" of Revelation 6, seems to be stalking the earth.  
We long have known of the food shortages in India. Bangladesh came to the forefront a few years ago, and has remained there ever since.  
A wide strip across Africa became the focal point last year as drought brought widespread famine, and millions were starving.  
Now the tragic wars in South Viet Nam and Cambodia, are leaving millions of refugees, homeless, helpless, and hungry.  
As Americans, and as Christians, we stand shocked and appalled! We know that there is hunger even in our own land, yet nothing like the cries at these crisis points of the earth.  
Most of us have food enough and to spare.  
In our hearts we want to share with those who do not have enough. Hungry children and hungry men and women touch us deeply.  
We know that we cannot meet every need, but we want to do something. What can it be?  
Southern Baptists are doing something! The Foreign Mission Board has already placed in the hands of our Southern Baptist missionaries in Viet Nam, a quarter of a million dollars to be used to buy food for the hungry, and medicine for the sick. Prior to this, other hundreds of thousands had gone in recent weeks to crisis

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### SBC Giving Tops 1973-74 At Halfway Point

NASHVILLE (BP) — With six months gone in the 1974-75 fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget is running 8.41 percent ahead of the same point last year.  
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## Man, Boy Camp Committee Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the Man-Boy Camp Development Committee was held March 27 in Kosciusko. The meeting was held at the Attala Baptist Building, and committee chairman, Levon Moore of Kosciusko presided.  
Other members of the Committee present were M. F. Rayburn of Meridian and R. F. Robinson of

Fulton. Members Hayes Callicutt of Jackson and Joe Pigott of McComb were unable to attend. Others attending were Earl Kelly and Elmer Howell of Jackson and Harold Kitchings of Kosciusko.  
The group visited the 220-acre site located seven miles northwest of Kosciusko. Plans were made

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## Bus Ministry Clinic Is April 18-20, Gulfport

A bus ministry and children's worship clinic for churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana has been scheduled for April 18-20 at First Church, Gulfport.  
Dr. John Traynor, pastor, and Rev. Randall Perry, associate pastor, designed the program.  
Several personalities involved in bus ministry in Mississippi, Tennessee,



and Alabama will participate. Dr. D. Lewis White of the Sunday School Board will be the bus outreach consultant. Training will be conducted by Bill McIlwain, director of bus ministry for Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, and Rev. and Mrs. Carlie Hill of Parkway Church, Jackson.  
In addition several Gulfport area leaders will contribute knowledge derived from their experiences. These are Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music at First Church, Gulfport; Jimmy Futral, pas-

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The man and boy camp development committee looks over plans for getting the camp ready for operation by 1978. Left to right, they are M. F. Rayburn, Dr. Earl Kelly, Dr. Harold Kitchings, R. F. Robinson, Rev. Elmer-Howell, and Dr. W. Levon Moore. Just hours after this picture was taken Mr. Rayburn passed away.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM  
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## Doctrinal Emphasis Week Set April 21-25

NASHVILLE — Doctrinal Emphasis Week, an annual time set aside to study a major Baptist doctrine, is scheduled to be held April 21-25 this year.

Adults will study a book in the area of church polity; youth, basic Baptist doctrines; and children will explore studies that re-

late to biblical reasons for friendship.

The youth book is "I Believe, Truths That Make a Difference" by La Vonn D. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla. It deals directly with truths that are fundamental to the young Christians' efforts to work out personal beliefs.

Requests have been received in Baptist Book Stores for another book, previously scheduled for youth, but the correct Doctrinal Emphasis Week youth book is "I Believe: Truths That Make a Difference."

Adults will study "Rope of Sand With Strength of Steel" by James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Children will study "Getting Along with Others" by Lenore Stringer. This book is designed to help older children recognize the Christian way of acting in everyday relationships with others. Younger children will use Janice Comer's "Friends Are Important" which uses Bible childhood stories to help young children see the religious reasons for friendship.

"Discovering Sounds" by Mary Llew Browne and "Good Food to Eat" by Polly Hargis Dillard will be used with older and younger preschoolers respectively.

The books are available in Baptist Book Stores.

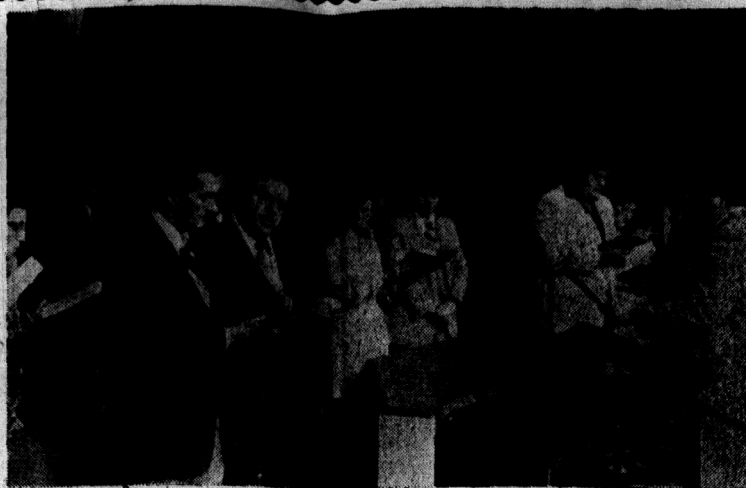
### Trinity Pastor To Move To Memphis

Rev. David Hollaway, pastor for the past 2½ years of Trinity Church, Eudora, has resigned effective April 20, to become pastor of Fellowship Church, Memphis.

During his ministry at Trinity, the church began a bus ministry, added educational space, and recently dedicated a new auditorium. During this time, there have been 144 new members received, 87 by baptism. The church finances, mission giving, and Sunday School and Training Union attendances have more than tripled.

Mr. Hollaway has served as president of the Desoto Baptist Pastors' Conference, and was elected during the 1974 annual meeting to bring the annual message at next year's meeting.

He is married to the former Linda Gail McPhail of Memphis, and they have one child, Melissa Gail, 2.

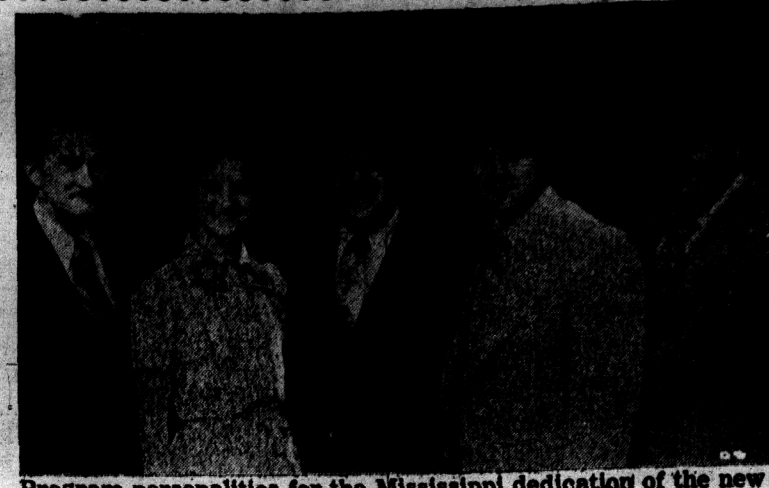


Mississippi Baptists held a special dedication service for the Baptist Hymnal, 1975 Edition, on Friday morning, March 28, in the chapel of the Baptist Building. This service was sponsored by the Church Music Department, MBCB, Dan Hall, director, and was part of a two-day Convocation on Congregational Singing.



William J. Reynolds, secretary, Church Music Department, BSSB, left, presents a copy of the new Baptist Hymnal to Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mr. Reynolds was editor of the new hymnal.

### Mississippi Baptists Dedicate New Hymnal



Program personalities for the Mississippi dedication of the new Baptist Hymnal and the Convocation on Congregational Singing included, left to right: William "Bill" Ichter, missionary musician, Brazil; Nan Grantham, music assistant, Church Music Department, MBCB; William J. Reynolds, secretary, Church Music Department, BSSB; Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music, First, Gulfport; and Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB.



To William J. Reynolds from Mississippi Baptists, Earl Kelly presents a plaque of appreciation inscribed with the words: "In Appreciation, William J. Reynolds, Editor, Baptist Hymnal, 1975 Edition, Mississippi Baptists, March 28, 1975."

### Missionaries' Locations

The locations of missionaries moved out of South Vietnam are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Compher and Cathy, Singapore; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lassiter and Anthony, Manila; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bobo, Singapore; Miss Zee Beck, Singapore; Steve Brown, Singapore; John Parsons, Singapore; Mrs. Gene Tunnell and Mark, Singapore; Mrs. Earl Bengs, Valerie and Daryl, Singapore; Mrs. Ken Goad, Scott and Stephanie,

## Mission Families In Vietnam Are Evacuated

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and that their families will be able to return and continue work in Singapore; Mrs. Jack Miller, Singapore; Mrs. Bill Roberson and John, Bangkok; Mrs. Herman Hayes, Bangkok; Mrs. Sam James, Philip and Stephen, Taiwan; Mrs. Sam Longbottom, Tommy and Terry, Taiwan; Mrs. Bob Davis and Ruth, Taiwan; Mrs. Peyton Moore and Celia Ann, Taiwan.

as in the Tet Offensive of 1968."

In 1968, the wives and children left the country in February and returned in June.

Evacuated in the past week or so were 16 adults and 17 children. The total includes career missionaries, journeymen, and dependents.

All of the national Christians in the northern Quang Ngai Province have been cut off from any contact with the South Vietnamese government, according to

Roberson.

The province was captured by communist troops when they moved to the South China Sea in March, cutting the country in half.

Roberson said about 3,000 national Baptists are trapped behind communist lines with little hope of evacuation.

As communist troops advanced in mid-March, Baptist missionaries helped evacuate many of the national Baptists in Hue

and Quangtri to Danang.

Continuing efforts were made to move other refugees to safer areas around Saigon.

A complete report has not been obtained concerning the number of national Baptists who fled before Hue, Dalat, Danang, and other cities fell to communist control.

Communication with missionaries in Vietnam has been difficult due to the crisis situation.

Telephone connections must be booked in advance and lately such a booking requires notice of a week or longer.

Cable communication has been reliable, according to Parks.

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tor of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport; Rev. Jim Lott, outreach director, Grace Memorial Church, Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of First Church, Moss Point; and Mrs. Joe McClammy, director of kindergarten at First Church, Gulfport.

The puppeteers of Parkway Church, Jackson, and First Church, Gulfport, will participate in the program as will the bus work-

ers of First Church, Gulfport, and Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport.

Free housing is available for those who register before April 15, according to Rev. Perry. The registration fee is \$7.50 per person or \$5 per person for groups of five or more.

The address of First Church, Gulfport, is P. O. Drawer 70, Gulfport, Miss. 39501 and the phone number is (601) 863-8501.

### Cowboy Coach To Speak

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the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has been active in that organization.

Mr. Landry was born in Mission, Texas, in 1924 and became an All-Regional fullback prior to enrolling at the University of Texas.

He was at Texas only one semester before going into the Air Force. He spent the bulk of his service time in England where he flew 30 missions as a B-17 pilot for the Eighth Air Force.

Following his discharge in November of 1945 he returned to

Texas and football. He was a mainstay on the Longhorn team which whipped Alabama in the 1948 Sugar Bowl, 27-7.

James E. Carr, chairman of the Mississippi Graham Crusade Committee, said that the purpose of the Men's Prayer Rally was to get the men of the state praying for the Crusade.

A successful women's prayer rally has already been held at Calvary Baptist Church and the women are praying, Mr. Carr added.

Tickets are \$1.50.

### March Cooperative - -

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for the first three months of the year has been \$1,599,756.

While the receipts represented increases over March of 1974 and over the first three months of last year, they fell short of the budget figure for the first time this year. The March receipts were \$160,702 below the budget figure for the month and this caused the receipts for the year to fall short of the budget for three months by \$50,244.

The March receipts were 3 percent above the receipts for the same month of last year, and the year to date income has been 4.8 percent more than the same period of 1974.

"The fact that receipts for 1975 continue to stay above those of 1974 is very gratifying, even though they fell short of the budget in March for the first time this year, said Dr. Kelly. "Our budget for 1975 is \$6.6 million, which is \$1.1 million more than it was for 1974. This is a substantial increase."

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified system of providing support for missions work all over the world.

### Alta Woods To Host Day Care Clinic

Alta Woods Church in Jackson will be the site of a Day Care Clinic April 15 sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The clinic will have a conference for workers with babies, creepers and toddlers and a conference for workers with three, four, and five year olds. The babies, creepers, and toddlers conference leader will be Gary Foll, associate in the Sunday School Department of the South Carolina convention. The workers with three, four, and five year olds will attend a conference led by Bill Halbert of the Sunday School Board. The clinic will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.

Reservations should be made with the Mississippi Sunday School Department immediately. Lunch will be served at the church at a cost of \$2 payable to the church.

Club, giving up meals periodically and contributing the cost to world relief.

One Baptist Student Union poverty meal in Arkansas yielded more than \$400 for world hunger. The meal, for statewide Arkansas BSU, is usually a gala affair, but not this year.

In 1976, the Radio-TV Commission's "Dimension" series will include a film, "Aribati," a study on starving children in the African Sahel.

Woman's Missionary Union and

the Brotherhood Commission have been cooperating with the mission boards in drawing Southern Baptist attention to world hunger through greater coverage in their publications.

The Baptist state papers have been the primary channel of disseminating information on disaster relief and the need for such.

Responsibility related to overseas disaster relief was assigned the Foreign Mission Board by SBC "messengers" meeting in 1968.

Money received by the board for

### The Plight Of A Church Secretary

With demands, demands and more demands placed on church secretaries, two seminars have been scheduled this summer to help church secretaries plan their schedules; communicate effectively; organize and manage their work; develop mechanical skills; and study the church, its nature and functions. Two "Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program Certification" seminars will be held this summer at Ridgecrest (Aug. 2-8) and Glorieta (Aug. 16-22) Baptist Conference Centers. The seminars are part of the Bible-Preaching Conferences sponsored by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

### CAC Office Has World Hunger Film

The film produced by the Radio and Television Commission, "Struggle for Survival" in the problem of world hunger, is available through the Christian Action Commission office. No fee is charged.

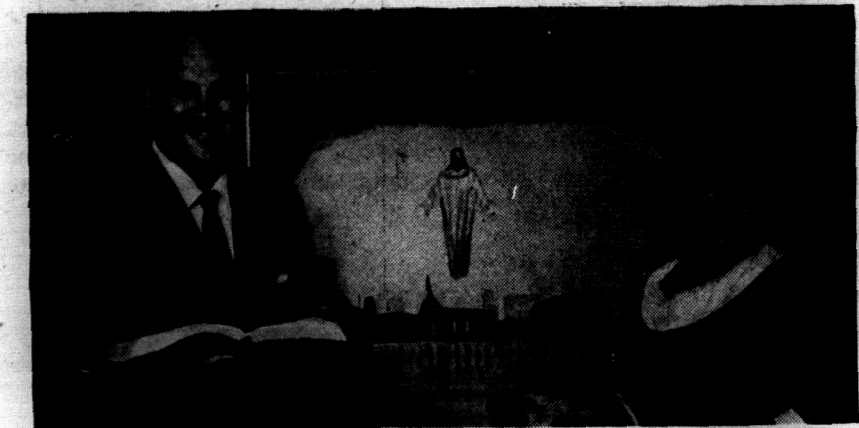
The film was produced by the Mississippi Missionary Agricultural Foundation and is being distributed by them. Bookings may be arranged through the Christian Action Commission or by writing the Mississippi Missionary Agricultural Foundation, Yazoo City, Mississippi, for prints.

### "Human Dimension" To Be Aired In NY

"The Human Dimension" has finally made the big-time — New York City itself.

The award-winning television documentary and drama series produced by Baptists through their Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has been accepted for airing by WABC-TV in New York. It will be seen at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

WABC-TV is the flagship television station for the American Broadcasting Company's network. There is a potential of 20 million viewers in the New York television market.



Program personalities involved in the Deep South Bus Clinic at First, Gulfport, April 18-20 will include Rev. and Mrs. Carlie Hill of Parkway, Jackson, top photo, Bill McIlwain, director of bus ministry, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, bottom row at left, and others. Dr. John H. Traylor, center, is pastor at First, Gulfport, and Rev. Randall Perry, right, is associate pastor.

## Baptist Response Is Rising On Worldwide Hunger

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board of the Texas convention recently directed its staff to provide "hunger" offering envelopes to enable such giving throughout the year.

A special emphasis in churches across Texas was planned for the four Sundays following Easter.

Florida Baptists designated March 23 as World Hunger Sunday and received a statewide offering. A final offering figure was not available. The Florida conven-

tion also encouraged Baptists to fast and pray for world's hungry, to miss a meal a week and give money above regular tithes and offerings.

Alabama Baptists recently reported more than \$55,000 given for world hunger relief. The Alabama convention early became a leader in the SEC in moving to combat world hunger.

Several other state conventions followed suit. In Kentucky, for example, Southern Baptists rallied around a Helpers for Hunger

relief is immediately placed at the disposal of missionaries in the devastated area for approved relief projects, spokesmen say.

The board insists that there are no overhead costs in its relief program.

"No other agency or avenue of relief provides Southern Baptists as direct a channel to needy people overseas," a board statement notes.

"The Cooperative Program (unified budget) enables administrative costs to remain at zero.

The missionaries are already there."

Based on current projects in Bangladesh, \$1.00 sent through the Foreign Board to Bangladesh, for example, will feed a person for about 10 days; \$6.00 will feed a family for about 10 days; \$36.50 will feed a person for a year.

A \$100 gift will furnish a sewing machine, board spokesmen say. A gift of \$1,000 will provide permanent housing for a family of six; and \$5,000 will feed 25 families in Bangladesh for a year.





These Mississippi College faculty and staff members are serving as the special Steering Committee for the college's Anniversary Year during the 1975-76 school year. The college will be celebrating the 125th anniversary as a Baptist institution, the 150th anniversary as an educational institution, and 200th birthday of our nation. Seated are Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Hudson, and Dr. Edward McMillan. Standing, from the left, are Bernard Blackwell, Dr. Charles E. Martin, Dr. Walter Howell, and Dr. F. D. Hewitt. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

## MC Begins Plans For Anniversary Year

A six-member Steering Committee has been appointed at Mississippi College to outline programs and activities for the college's Sesquicentennial Celebration planned for the 1976 school year.

Dr. Ed McMillan, announced as general chairman of the Sesquicentennial program last week, said that the Steering Committee would be responsible for the overall coordination of the activities.

Appointed to the committee are Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; Dr. Walter Howell, associate professor of history and chairman of the Special Anniversary Events; Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Hudson, editor of college promotional materials and chairman of the Publicity and Public Information Committee; Bernard Blackwell, assistant to the president and chairman of the Anniversary Memorabilia Committee; and Dr. F. D. Hewitt, director of alumni affairs and chairman of the Alumni Activities Committee.

Several objectives have been advanced for the Sesquicentennial.

### Man-Boy Camp

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for proceeding with development of the facility as early as possible. It is anticipated that the dam for a 16-acre lake will be under construction within a few weeks. Also, plans are being made to provide an adequate water supply for the camp.

The Committee is working with the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board on preliminary plans for the location of roads, buildings, and recreational facilities.

Present projections are to have the 1976 Royal Ambassador Camps at this new facility.

### Man, Boy Camp Name Needed

The Man-Boy Camp Development Committee has requested that the Baptists of Mississippi be given an opportunity to suggest a name for the state-wide camp to be located in Attala County near Kosciusko. This camp will replace Camp Kittiwake which was destroyed by hurricane Camille.

The 220-acre site is located seven miles north-west of Kosciusko, just three-fourths of a mile north of Springdale Baptist Church. The rolling hills, now covered with beautiful trees and sprinkled with dogwood and redbud will one day be landscaped and developed into a useful facility, providing missionary education, camping experiences, and inspiration for young and old.

Each person desiring to submit a name is asked to send the suggested name along with his name and address to Dr. Levon Moore, P. O. Box 188, Kosciusko, Mississippi 39060. The person submitting the name chosen will be given appropriate recognition. The deadline for submitting a name is May 15.

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ministries our missionaries have requested \$800,000 in emergency relief funds.

"It is the feeling of the missionaries that substantial ministry

could be rendered over an extended period of time by placing Bibles in the hands of as many people as possible. These men dare to plan to make Bibles available to every accessible family during the next few weeks at a cost of about \$2 each.

"Extensive plans for relief are being undertaken. Attempts are being made to provide chopsticks, bowls, cooking pots, and clothing as well as daily rice rations. Rice for one person for one day is about \$1 (depending on the current dollar exchange rate in VN). Some attempts will likely be made to provide some kind of temporary housing. Emergency medical care, drinking water, 'survival food' packets, and other ministries will be undertaken at refugee reception centers.

"Basically our missionaries are trying to concretely say 'I love you and I care'."

### Coordinated Through FMB

The plan is being coordinated through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the funds will be sent through them. These funds can be deposited in New York banks and immediately become available for use in overseas nations, Dr. Kelly indicated. This is the fastest way to get emergency funds to missionaries. The Foreign Mission Board has placed \$250,000 in such banks for relief funds for Vietnam.

Other Southern Baptist state conventions have responded to the world food needs already, Dr. Kelly said. "Mississippi Baptists will simply join in the procession of Baptists and others who are responding to the world hunger."

He continued, "It is fully recognized that it will be too late to do very much for the unfortunate people in Vietnam, but at least our missionaries can help feed them and give them the Word of God as long as they are allowed

to remain in the land.

### Long As They Can

"It is possible that missionaries will have to leave if the nation falls under Communist hands. They will stay, however, as long as they can and do all they can. A goal of \$50,000 may seem large, but actually it is less than 10 cents for each Baptist in Mississippi today. If just one-tenth of our people did without one meal (at an estimated cost of \$1) the \$50,000 would be provided."

Concerning the fate of Christians in Vietnam, Myers said, "The missionaries of the Vietnam Baptist Mission have all moved to 'safe haven' and are out of immediate danger. No word is available about the situation of the hundreds of Christians in areas recently taken over by the Communists. Control of buildings and properties of the churches by the Christians is uncertain though doubtful. In the few days before Easter many Christians moved to presumed defensible areas which have since fallen to the Communists."

### Personal Statement

In a personal statement, Myers said: "Isn't it great that channels are available and open for us to do something about the obvious needs of Vietnamese people paraded before us on TV?"

"So many of you have written and phoned us expressing your love and concern for the people of Vietnam in their present plight and pledged your prayers for them. How desperately the people of Vietnam and our missionaries need your prayer support."

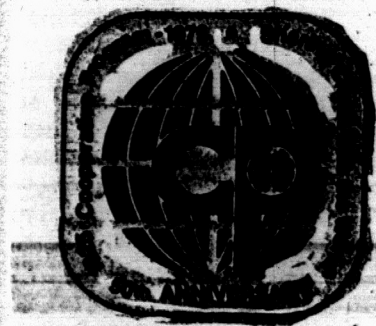
"And now comes the opportunity for us to participate through sharing our possessions with people who have lost all. 'I'm personally grateful for the chance to have a part in joining with Mississippi Baptists to impact our concern on the 'scattered sheep' of Vietnam."

## Taylor Daniel Retires From Annuity Board

Taylor Daniel, left, and his son, Gene, check out their airplane before making a flight to talk with a Baptist institution about its retirement program. Taylor Daniel retired March 1 as senior vice president for development for the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board, Gene Daniel, also a vice president for the Annuity Board, will carry on the development work with Baptist agencies. Both are pilots, and have found the private airplane very useful in reaching Baptist institutions located long distances from major airports served by frequent commercial airline service.

The newly retired Annuity Board officer plans to stay busy helping churches and denominations with retirement and insurance protection. He says another denomination has employed him as a consultant to draw up a retirement program for its ministers where none has existed before.

Taylor Daniel will also act as a consultant with a private insurance agency and as consultant for So. Baptist Insurance Trust. (Annuity Board photo by Theo Sommerkamp.)



### Crisis Intervention In Vietnam

I had never thought of the Cooperative Program as being a crisis intervention project until the present situation in Vietnam.

All missionary wives and children have temporarily moved into other "safe haven" Southeast Asian cities — the Cooperative Program picked up the tab; the missionary men have elected to stay in Saigon and administer massive relief projects — their support comes from the Cooperative Program; ministries to the Vietnamese people in their extremity continue — the Cooperative Program acting in chorus with special gifts picks up the bill.

The Cooperative Program is the difference between life and death for recipients of the funds — and maybe for those who give them. Lewis Myers, Jr. South Vietnam

### Day By Day

There is no use trying to change the past — just see to it you don't ruin the present by worrying about the future.

## Nelson, Gunn To Speak At Administration Seminar

Church Budget and Finance will be the subject of a special conference included in William Carey College's Church Administration Seminar to be held April 17-18. Art Nelson, comptroller and business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead the church budget discussion.

Beginning with registration at 1 p.m., April 17, the church administration emphasis will continue through Friday evening. Dr. Landrum Leavell, president of the New Orleans Seminary, will be the featured speaker for four sessions. "Such important subjects," commented Dr. Don Stewart, co-ordinator of the seminar, "as principles of administration, time management and staff relations will also be of major importance during the seminar sessions."

Meeting in Carey's new Thomas

Business Administration Building, the seminar is free of charge and open to all pastors and staff personnel. Morrison - catered meals are available on campus.

Mr. Nelson, who has held his position of comptroller - business manager for Mississippi Baptists since 1958, is a native of Michigan and a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He has set up a successful data processing system for the maintenance of efficient and accurate records in Jackson at Mississippi Baptist Convention Board headquarters.

"The Pastor and His Staff Relationship" is the subject of one of the conference to be offered.

Rev. Frank Gunn of First Church, Biloxi, will hold the conference on staff relations. Other conferences will deal with plant development, principles of administration, budget and finance, and time management.

### Puckett Church Calls Pastor

Rev. James F. Smith has accepted the pastorate of Puckett Church nad has moved on the field. The former pastor at Puckett, Rev. Tom Dunlap, died last year. Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, MBCB, was interim pastor.

Mr. Smith moved to Puckett from Beacon Street Church, Neshoba County, where he was pastor for two and one-half years. That church has just voted to build a new parsonage and has in hand \$17,000 for a downpayment.

A native of Smith County, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Smith, he studied at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was ordained to preach at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. In World War II, he was a sergeant at the age of 19.

He and his wife, the former Edna Ruth Burton, have four children.

## A. H. Reid, Former Alabama Baptist Leader, Dies At 82

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)—A. Hamilton Reid, 82, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention for 18 years, died here Friday, April 4.

Reid, who retired from the top Alabama Baptist post in 1963, had previously served as pastor of churches in Selma, Ala., and Birmingham, and as vice president of Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ruby Vardaman of Andalusia, Ala.; a son Hamilton V. Reid, administrator of Baptist Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., and a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence G. Avery of Chapel Hill, N. C.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, where Reid was a member.

# Declaration of Cooperation

BECAUSE WE AS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS RECOGNIZE: That Christ established the church to carry out His divine purpose in the world, and That the genius of our life as autonomous New Testament churches is found in the freedom to cooperate in order to make evident our unity in Christ and to give substance to our common purpose to proclaim the gospel, and That our life as a denomination emerged historically in 1845 in an effort to elect, combine, and direct those resources over which God has placed us as stewards, and That in 1925 our forefathers committed themselves to a new level of interdependence in a relationship of stewardship called the Cooperative Program, and That as a result of that commitment our denominational life has by the grace of God prospered in terms of unity, mission, and ministry. We hereby declare this program of cooperation to be self-evident of our denominational unity and a manifestation of our vision for the future under the Lordship of Christ, and We therefore recommit ourselves in prayer to that trust, sacrifice, and resolve necessary for the responsible expression of our life together in Christ through our Cooperative Program.

Earl Kelly	John Alexander
Joe L. Odom	Dan C. Hall
Dick Brown	Leon Emery
Barney Webb	Raymond H. Hargis
Robert D. Drinders	Chas. Hamaker
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Edith McArthur	Sherman V. Rogers
Paul Danell	

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### Declaration Of Cooperation

Department directors and associates in the Baptist Building signed the Declaration of Cooperation last week in advance of Cooperative Program Sunday in the churches of Mississippi on April 20. Each church is requested to make a new commitment to world missions through the Cooperative Program by asking its members to sign their own Declaration of Cooperation to be preserved as a part of the church records.

On Cooperative Program Day, most pastors will be preaching on themes related to the Cooperative Program. Many churches will have a special presentation on the history of the Cooperative Program. All churches are urged to provide an opportunity for their members to sign the Declaration of Cooperation during Sunday School, the Morning Worship Service, or at strategic places around the church building during the day.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### World Hunger

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points such as Bangladesh.

Now Mississippi leaders are giving state Baptists the opportunity to do something positive for world hunger. Sunday, April 13 has been set as a day for taking a special offering in Mississippi Baptist churches, and a goal of \$50,000 has been suggested.

In doing this Mississippi is following a pattern already set in a number of other states.

It is hoped that every church will see fit to participate, and that even more than the goal can be given.

It is not a difficult goal, for it represents less than 10c for each Baptist whose name is on the books of Mississippi Baptist churches.

If only 50,000, which is one tenth, of the Baptists in our churches, gave the approximate cost of one meal... \$1.00... (That represents only a hamburger with french fries and a drink)... then the goal would be reached. Are you willing to give the price of one low-cost meal, to help feed hungry children in a land far away? I think most Mississippians are so willing... and I think there will be many "meal dollars" on those plates next Sunday.

Every penny of this offering will go directly to the Foreign Mission Board to be placed in the hands of missionaries for relief work in the name of Christ. Not one cent will be deducted for administration,

or even a stamp. The Cooperative Program provides these.

Mississippi Baptist leaders say that this offering will be designated for South Viet Nam, where the need is so desperate right now.

Should those doors close, then the funds will be turned to feed hungry people elsewhere.

There are plenty of them in the world.

However, our Missionaries still are at work in Viet Nam and will be there as long as possible.

The relief will be given in the name of Christ, and along with it a message of the love of Christ, and, perhaps, even a Bible, a New Testament or a Scripture portion.

Surely, all of us wish to have a part in this great day of sharing.

#### Billy Graham Crusade

### Urgent: Don't Miss This!

The Christian Life and Witness classes being sponsored as part of the Billy Graham Crusade preparation, are now in progress. First sessions were held last week with nearly 2,000 attending. Yet, at least another thousand are needed!

These are outstanding Bible study periods on Christian living and witness. In them, the Christian learns not only how to have a more meaningful Christian life, but also how to share his faith with others. Thousands of Christians in the area should attend, especially laymen, women and young people. Opportunity like this will not come again soon.

While those attending who are willing to do so, and desire to do so, will serve as counsellors in the coming Billy Graham Crusade, even those who do not desire to do that will find spiritual enrichment by attending.

Classes are being held in a number of area churches, and all one needs do to take the course is to attend at least one class in one of

the churches each week. The same lesson is being taught in all places each week. There are four lessons, but if you missed the first one last week, it is not too late to get the last three, and still serve as a counsellor. Plan now to attend this week, and be in the remaining classes too.

Places are as follows: MONDAY: Reformed Theological Seminary, 7:00; Colonial Heights Baptist Church, 7:30; Crawford St. United Methodist Church, Vicksburg, 7:30; TUESDAY, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 7:00; Alta Woods Presbyterian, 7:30; WEDNESDAY, St. Lukes United Methodist, 10:00; THURSDAY, Anderson United Methodist Church, 7:00; Broadmoor Baptist, 7:30; United Methodist Church, Forest, 7:00; FRIDAY, St. Peter's Missionary Baptist, 7:00; Galloway Memorial United Methodist, 7:30; Richland Baptist, 7:30. All places are Jackson, unless otherwise noted.

Hundreds of Baptists have been in these meetings, but we hope that hundreds more will attend the remaining classes.

#### Billy Graham Crusade

### Listen In!

Another of the special features of the preparation for the Billy Graham Crusade is the Home Prayer meetings which will be held in hundreds or even thousands of homes all over the area. A special program for these prayer meetings will be a radio broadcast, which will be incorporated as part of the prayer service. These special Prayer-time broadcasts will be helpful not only for the prayer meetings, but also for family and personal devotions.

They are scheduled to be aired two times daily, at 10:15 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on station WJFR, Jackson, — at 96.3 on your FM dial, beginning on April 14th and continuing for five weeks.

Such personalities as Corrie Ten Boom, Miltie Dienert, Bev Shea, Cliff Barrows, Charlie Riggs, Bonnie Barrows, and others will be featured on the programs, and will discuss prayer and what it means in the Christian life.

We suggest that you be sure to listen in!

**A SET, ALL THREE PLANET EARTH BEST-SELLERS** by Hal Lindsey (Zondervan, 3 paperbacks, boxed) The three best-sellers THE GREAT LATE PLANET EARTH, SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH, and THE LIBERATION OF PLANET EARTH are published together in this new boxed set. They deal with the subjects of the Second Coming, Satan and His Work in Today's World, and Salvations Full Meaning. Lindsey is one of the most effective popular writers among today's Christian authors.

**THE MOST REVEALING BOOK OF THE BIBLE: MAKING SENSE OUT OF REVELATION** by Vernard Eller (Eerdmans, paper, 214 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is "Making Sense Out of Revelation." An interesting new study of the book of Revelation departs from most interpretations either of the premillennial or the amillennial school.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** by Robert Fulbright and Eugene Chamberlain, (Convention Press, 160 pp., \$1.10) A challenge to teachers of the Bible to boys and girls in grades 1-6, this is a practical how-to-do-it suggestion guide for such matters as department organization, worker training, visitation, equipment, and curriculum materials.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** by William Fitch (Zondervan, 304 pp., \$7.95) A Presbyterian preacher and writer presents a careful study of the doctrine of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. He covers all areas of the truth concerning the Spirit. There is a very valuable chapter on speaking in tongues, with suggestions on how to evaluate it.

**THE SPIRIT-FILLED STEWARD** by Charles McKay (Convention Press, 138 pp., paper, \$1.10) A study of stewardship as it relates to the whole Christian life. The author, who formerly was a pastor in Mississippi, later an Executive Secretary in Arizona, and now is a professor at California Baptist College, says that stewardship is as comprehensive as life itself. In this study course book, Dr. McKay shows our responsibility to God and how we can fulfill it through the church.

**DIVINE HEALING** by R. A. Torrey (Baker, 64 pp., pocket book, paper, \$95) A small reprint of a book written many years ago. The author gives exposition of the scriptural passages used to defend divine healing and seeks to show the truth concerning this doctrine and the way that it is misinterpreted and misused.



### BECAUSE OF HEART-FELT GRATITUDE

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Member Desires

##### Better Preaching

Dear Editor:

I really don't know how to say this but I wish you could write an article so all preachers could see it in the Baptist Record. That is concerning the way they preach.

I think it is terrible to go to church on Sunday morning and hear nothing but illustrations and fairy tales to bring out a point instead of preaching God's Word the whole sermon through. I believe this is why we have so many inactive church members and why, when we have visitors, they don't bother to come back.

If lost people are going to be saved, including many church members, God's Word must be preached in the right way and manner so people will know the difference between church membership and being born again of the Spirit.

Name Withheld

##### N. D. Pastor Is

##### Grateful For New Suit

Dear Dr. Odle:

Some generous Baptists from Mississippi have again provided a nice suit of clothes from McAlpins, Magee, MS. I received my suit yesterday. With much gratitude in my heart, I will make good use of this gift.

Will you kindly see that the donor knows of my gratitude?

H. L. Weatherly, Pastor  
Temple Baptist Church  
Box 241  
Fargo, N. Dakota 58102

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**ARMS COSTS SOAR** — "Since World War II the average cost of producing a U. S. fighter plane has doubled every 4 1/2 years, from an average of \$99,400 in 1943 to \$10,900,000 in 1975." The Navy's F-14 Tomcat fighter carries a current price tag of about \$17.8 million. "This most expensive tactical warplane, 'fully equipped' with Phoenix missiles and other advanced equipment, will cost \$28 million... (or) seven times as much as the F-4 Phantom II it is replacing, and 275 times as much as the most advanced Navy fighter of the Second World War." New B-1 bombers... carry a still-climbing price tag of about \$76 million each... Submarine(s)... carry a price tag of about \$1.3 billion each so far... The \$100 million - each fighter plane... is not too remote over the cost horizon."

The Washington Post, December 1, 1974

**SUBSIDIZED DEATH** — "An article and accompanying editorial in... JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association) accused Congress of subsidizing 'increased death and disability' through tobacco price supports, export subsidies and sales and promotion spending. 'Congress is using our tax money, in many ways, to subsidize increased death and disability among our citizens, as well as those of the rest of the world,' wrote Dr. Weldon J. Walker, a Los Angeles cardiologist. 'The government calls cigarette smoking the major cause of 600,000 deaths annually from coronary heart disease, 72,000 deaths from lung cancer and 25,000 deaths from chronic bronchitis and emphysema.'"

The Nashville Tennessean, December 17, 1974

Perhaps the best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Credit and friends are good when not used.

Enthusiasm is a good engine, but it needs intelligence for a driver.

**Light for Living**  
Chester E. Swor

#### That Certain Something!

For several years, as I visited campuses in the Southwest, I met students who had graduated from a senior high school in a Southeastern Texas city. All of them had a certain special "something" in personality attractiveness which amounted to a finesse of spirit, a gracious and courteous technique of dealing with other people. Since they were all from the same school and had such similarity in spirit, I had the feeling that someone or something in the school from which they had come had been a tremendous influence factor.

Later, I spent several days in that high school in a Character Emphasis Week. There I met the man who had influenced their lives so decisively, and I saw the motto or ideal which this administrator had both lived and taught. The reminder was prominently displayed in the entrance foyer in most attractive lettering, so that every student upon entering daily was given fresh reminder:

"I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, do away with prejudice. I create friendship and good will. I inspire respect and confidence. Everybody loves me. I bore nobody. I violate no law. I cost nothing. Many have praised me, none have condemned me. I am pleasing to everyone. I am useful every moment of the day. I am COURTESY."

Any sermonizing after that wonderful philosophy would be redundant, but a good deal of personal scrutinizing of our relationships in our homes, in the places in which we work, in the schools in which we attend, in the neighborhoods in which we live, and toward the many strangers with whom we have passing contact daily would be in order in the light of the value of courtesy. It would likely be that people would begin to notice attractive differences in us and to like the differences enough to ask for the secret of our increased attractiveness!

The beloved Dr. J. W. Provine of Mississippi College fame shared constantly with student bodies in his chapel talks: "Courtesy is worth a million dollars, but it won't cost a cent to practice it!" Amen and Amen!

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The individual is to be envied who can tell whether the violinist in the symphony orchestra is turning up or playing.

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**A COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE CHRISTIAN'S BUDGET** by Michale L. Speer (Broadman, paper, \$2.95, 170 pp.) For the Christian, a special responsibility is connected with the family budget and money management, for the Christian should understand that God is the owner and man is the trustee of all things. This book is written in an attempt to help Christians confront every area of their budget and to examine it in the light of biblical precepts. The thirteen chapters include ones on attitude toward money, getting in and out of debt, using credit wisely, responsible Christian giving, children and money, young people and money, planning ahead, estate planning, saving and investing, etc.

**CALLING OUT THE CALLED** by H. Leo Eddleman (Books of Life, 174 pp., paper, \$6.00) Three chapters on the Christian calling: The General Call, The Particularistic Call, and The Christian Calling and the World View. Followed by brief biographical sketches of individuals who were called into God's work from the fellowship of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. An intensely interesting story of the vast outreach of one church through God's call of its youth.

**DELIVERY ROOM TO INTENSIVE CARE** by H. Leo Eddleman (Books of Life, 103 pp., paper, \$3.00) Over two years of columns of the author appearing in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, publication, The Reminder, written while he was president of the Criswell Bible Institute. Thought provoking illustrations and anecdotes, combined with rich spiritual truth.

**THE EPISTLES OF JOHN** by Lehman Strauss (Lineaux, 188 pp., \$1.75) The author is one of the most widely used Bible teachers of our day. Here we find verse by verse expositions of the epistles of the Apostle John. The author uses his deep understanding and knowledge of the Word, his solid faith in the writings as the Word of God, and his genius of interpretation, alliteration, application, and illustration to make the messages of the Biblical writer live. The reader will have new and better understanding of these epistles as he uses these messages in connection with his Bible study.

**THE SWORD AND THE TROWEL**, edited by C. H. Spurgeon — Volume One, 1865-67. (Pilgrim Publications, 388 pp., paper.) Among the vast number of activities of the great Spurgeon, was the publication of a monthly magazine, which contained news, articles, reports,

etc., related to his church, and other religious interests of his day. Here the issues for three years are combined in one fascinating volume. The pages reveal another side of the great preacher and his ministry, and also an open window on life in that period more than one hundred years ago.

**UNTO HIM BE GLORY** by Paul Byers (Baptist Publications, 224 pp., paper, \$2.95) A careful study of the New Testament church dealing with its establishment, its nature, its authority, its ministry, its power and its continue existence. Sees the New Testament as an institution which has lived through the ages and is in existence today. Shows that N.T. church was a local, visible church, and that it is through such churches that the Lord is glorified.

**REVELATION ILLUSTRATED AND MADE PLAIN** by Tim Lahaye (Zondervan, 323 pp., paper, \$4.95) An exposition of the Book of Revelation, written from the Premillennial point of view. Using text, charts and illustrations the author uses 39 chapters to cover the book. He presents the several interpretations, but accepts the Futurist view as the basis of his writing. He uses the course of Christian history outlined in the seven churches in chapters two and three of Revelation. Chapters 4-18 are related to the Rapture and the Tribulation, and chapters 12-22 with the future or final things. Well written and easy to understand.

**POLITICS FOR EVANGELICALS** by Paul B. Henry (Judson, 127 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.95) A book which calls for Christians to take positive steps in seeking to solve the problems of the American nation.

**CHRISTIAN: CELEBRATE YOUR SEXUALITY** by Dwight Hervey Small (Revell, 221 pp., \$5.95) A study of the place of sex in the Bible, in history, in modern life, and in the Christian experience and relationship. The author sees sex as God given for happiness and holy relationships in marriage, and calls for Christian recognition of this and the use of sex accordingly.

**THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION: A SHATTERING CRITIQUE FROM THE THIRD WORLD** by Orlando E. Costas (Tyndale, paper, 313 pp., \$3.95; cloth \$6.95) A study of the conflicting concepts of the mission of the church in today's troubled world. This is a theological study, dealing with the varied views of evangelicalism, ecumenism and other conflicting missiological philosophies.



"On The First Day Of The Week"

## Easter Sunday At The Open Tomb



By Don McGregor

It was Easter Sunday morning, and there I was, standing before an open tomb in a garden just outside the walls of the old city of Jerusalem.

The awe that had been felt just to be in Israel at all was passed for the moment. Many say this is the place where the Master was laid following His death; some say it is not. It makes no difference. If this is not it, the real place is not far away.

The choir and several hundred others who were gathered there for a worship service sang "Christ the Lord is Risen

Today, Hallelujah!" and I joined in. We sang all five verses, and it was a moving experience. Southern Baptist Missionary Wayne Buck had been responsible for coordinating the musical portions of the program. He had made it meaningful. Israel Mission Chairman Bob Lindsey added much to the mood with his cornet accompaniment.

As we finished singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" the choir began singing the simple yet moving and beautiful "Alleluia." We all joined with the choir members because we wanted to be apart

of that music which can melt a heart of stone.

The words of the angel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen," which were spoken on resurrection morning began to flood the consciousness, and tears stung the eyelids.

Here, indeed, was the place where He was laid and from which He rose in triumph over death. Here was the place where had occurred that greatest single event which had blasted loose the chains of sin and now unalterably binds the Christian into fellowship with the Almighty God.

Being in that place at such a time as Easter Sunday could not help but be profoundly moving; and that it was, evidently, for all who were there. In our immediate party were six; four Baptists, a Methodist, and our attractive Jewish hostess. The three Southern Baptists were Melvyn Mizzelle of the Florida Baptist Witness, Robert O'Brien of Baptist Press, and myself. An American Baptist was Roger Palms of Decision Magazine. The hostess was Hope Ozer, assistant public relations manager for El Al Israel Airlines. The Methodist was Charlotte Ames of a Long Island, New York, newspaper.

The service continued. We sang "He Arose," and there was a message by G. W. Kirby, the principal of London Bible College. The message was fine, but that moment when the meaning of the resurrection flooded the mind during the singing of "Alleluia" will never be forgotten.

We sang two more hymns that I didn't know, and it was over.

Christians were there from all over the world that morning. In fact, services were scheduled one after another all morning in several languages. The three Southern Baptists

of our seven-member touring group went back later with Missionary Norman Lytle to see Golgotha and almost got locked up in a Finnish service. Lytle knew someone there who was able to get the gate unlocked for us.

Following the service the four Baptists, the Methodist, our American Jewish host, and our Israeli guide went to the West Jerusalem Baptist Church for breakfast. It was a typical Jewish breakfast with hard-boiled eggs, fruit, cheese, olives, and marmalade except that in deference to the Jewish Passover Week the Baptist meal left out bread and we ate the unleavened matzo instead.

This was a five-day tour by seven American journalists invited to Israel for the Easter weekend by the Israel Ministry of Tourism. We were flown to Israel and back through the courtesy of El Al. Additional tour group members were a photographer from Washington, D. C., working for the Catholic news service and a Catholic working for a secular daily in San Jose, Calif. They attended a Catholic Easter service that morning.

Following breakfast the three Southern Baptists went with Missionary Lytle to the Baptist Youth Center, where he serves, and then to his home on the Mount of Olives from where the most breathtaking view of Jerusalem imaginable is to be seen. The Lytles are facing with mixed emotions the necessity of giving up their leased home and its dramatic view of the city as they leave on furlough in June.

We Southern Baptists then attended our second Easter Sunday morning service as we went to the East Jerusalem Baptist Church, where Missionary Buck is pastor. Baptists were there from England, Scotland, Australia, the United States, Canada, and Sweden.



All in all, Easter Sunday morning in Jerusalem is certainly an out-of-the ordinary experience.

It was the highest of many highlights of a whirlwind trip that will be chronicled in subsequent issues of The Baptist Record.

I will never hear "Alleluia" sung again without remembering that open tomb and recalling the significance it has to me individually and to every believer on the face of the earth, to every believer who has ever lived, and to every one yet to be born into this world.

It gives special urgency to trying to help spread the word of the open tomb.

## "Yankee-Stay Here!" Argentine Baptists Say

CORDOBA, Argentina (BP) — "Yankee — stay here!" demanded an Argentine Baptist pastor, directing his remarks to Southern Baptist missionaries.

Over 100 national Baptists affirmed his message with a standing ovation lasting several minutes.

"While the walls of our cities may tell you, 'Yankee, go home,' we, the Argentine Baptists, say to you, 'Stay here. You are needed.'"

These words, written by pastor E. David Gilles, were read at a

recent four-day Baptist conference by Roberto Turrissi, a missionary for the Argentine Baptist Convention.

Over 150 Argentine pastors, laymen, missionaries and denominational workers attended the convention, along with Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina.

Gilles was referring to nationalists who, during recent political and economic instabilities, have spoken out against Americans, loudly proclaiming they do not want them in their country; according to Southern Baptist mis-

sionary James O. Teel Jr.

The Argentine pastor also noted that in Baptist organizations more responsibility has been turned over to the Argentines, and some missionaries have begun to doubt the continued needs of their services. The missionaries' doubts were alleviated by Gilles' statement and the national pastors' response, Teel noted.

Gilles states, "You are needed for the dialogue, for the inspiration, for the challenge, for the confrontation of different points of view about important aspects

of the work.

"Look for, and you will find, your new identity in this work grown adult. Stay and fill the place that God called you to occupy."

Missionary Teel related, "When he had finished, the pastors broke out into a standing ovation which lasted for several minutes."

A prayer meeting was then held which lasted another two hours.

"Nationalism is still very much alive, even among Baptists," Teel concluded, "but no one can deny that the foreign missionary still has a place in Argentina."

## World Alliance To Promote Evangelism And Education

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — Baptist World Alliance (BWA) leaders from ten nations on five continents, laid groundwork here for a program to share information and techniques in evangelism and education to Baptists throughout the world.

The move, if approved at the Baptist World Congress in July at Stockholm, will establish a Division of Evangelism and Education as an integral part of the BWA program in 100 countries.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general

secretary, said he sees the action as a follow through of a successful World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a Baptist cooperative effort.

The meetings here began with two days of discussion by evangelism and Christian education leaders from Brazil, Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Germany, the USSR, Nigeria, Hong Kong, and the United States. BWA President V. Carney Hargroves presided.

The committee's report was accepted by the BWA Administra-

tive Committee for recommendation to the congress at Stockholm. The new division, as proposed, was viewed as a service agency to small Baptist groups in developing countries, as well as a forum for international sharing by all member groups of the BWA.

The Division of Evangelism and Education would be the fourth division of BWA activity coordinating and encouraging the work of its member bodies. Others deal with Communications, Relief and Development, and Study and Research.

## Overseas Lay Involvement Outlined By Mission Leaders

DALLAS (BP) — Bold expanded plans for lay people to be personally involved in world missions were outlined in Dallas by Foreign Mission Board leaders.

Eugene Grubbs, the board's disaster response coordinator, and Joseph B. Underwood, evangelism and church development consultant, told superintendents of missions and other Texas Baptist denominational leaders at a meeting here that manpower and money are urgent needs in foreign missions.

Grubbs, who returned recently from an extensive survey of needs in Bangladesh, said Southern Baptists have given \$310,000 this year in response to hunger in Bangladesh, but a total of \$750,000 is needed now for missionaries in Bangladesh to buy food for starving people.

It will not be a handout pro-

gram, said Grubbs, because people will be urged to work for what they get. Southern Baptists are sending money rather than grain, because it is more economical to buy the food nearby.

Underwood said Southern Baptists are attempting to step up their program of evangelism and church development around the world through the involvement of more short term lay volunteers.

During the past 10 years, he said, the Foreign Mission Board has used the services of more than 1,300 Baptists—lay persons, preachers, and musicians—in evangelistic campaigns in more than 70 countries.

The greatest emphasis will be on evangelizing major cities of the world, he said, noting that current trends would multiply the populations of cities, such as Mexico City and Sao Paulo to 30 million by the year 2000.

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## Church Music Offers Challenge To Composers And Arrangers

In recent months, the attention of the Church Music Department has been drawn to the works of several composers and arrangers in Mississippi. Several letters have been received in the music office containing songs by a Mississippi choir workers, or questions about copyright or publication procedures.

Original works by two of these people were used in the concert by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Mississippi Singing Women at Praising in Nashville last month.

Now the Church Music Department is offering a challenge to people with interest in this area.

The Singing Churchmen and the Mississippi Singing Women have tentative plans to record a patriotic album in the fall of 1975. Mississippians who have original com-

positions or arrangements of patriotic songs may submit them to the Church Music Department, where a committee will study them for possible use. The arranger should remember that permission must be obtained from the copyright owner to make an arrangement of copyrighted material.

A Fellowship of Composers and Arrangers is also on the drawing board of the music department for fall. Through such an organization, these people can meet and share music, ideas and evaluations of each other's music. Professional consultants in this area will also be brought in periodically. Persons interested in writing music for any age group should contact the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

## School For Blind Announces Preschool Program For Visually Impaired Children

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi School for the Blind announces a preschool program for the visually impaired children of Mississippi. This program is designed to assist children, from birth to five years of age, and their parents.

Services will be provided for the entire state of Mississippi, and will be funded by Title I ESEA.

The primary objective is to locate and prepare potentially eligible visually impaired children for entry into school, and to orientate parents on educational processes for their child.

For further information, please contact the Mississippi School for the Blind 1252 Eastover Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39211.

## 'Fire From Above' Gives Groundbreaking Charge

FORT WORTH (BP) — More than 500 people — wearing yellow hard hats — bowed their heads and, as the dedicatory prayer ended, a bright fiery ball whooshed down a steel cable to set off a buried charge.

The explosive broke ground for the \$3 million building that will house a television production studio and broadcast training center for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

The groundbreaking was held in late March at the Radio-TV Commission headquarters. The plastic hard hats were souvenirs of the event.

The "fire from above" concluded a program that featured Fort Worth industrialist Charles D. Tandy, national Second Step Cam-

paign chairman, outlining the origin of the campaign to raise money for the building.

The program also included brief telephone conversations from Africa, Switzerland, Mexico, and the Philippines.

As representatives from cities where Second Step fund-raising campaigns have been held were introduced, each threw an electric switch to outline in lights the site and floor size of the new building.

The addition, to be completed in late 1976, will extend the present Radio-TV building by 43,000 sq. ft. and will increase the commission's property value to more than \$5 million, said Paul M. Stevens, commission president.

The commission's "first step" was in radio, Stevens noted.

## Oral History Is Theme Of Historical Meeting

NASHVILLE — "Our Denominational Heritage and the Present: The Role of Baptist Oral History" is the theme of the 1975 joint meeting of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Historical Society. The meeting will be held in Nashville at the Southern Baptist Convention Building April 21-23.

Speakers and their topics include "Oral History: A Resource for Baptist Studies," Thomas L. Charlton, director, Program for Oral History, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; "Reflections of an Oral History Interviewee," Louis D. Newton, retired pastor, former editor of The Christian Index, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Implementing an Oral History Program" will be discussed by a panel of three: Thomas L. Charlton; J. M. Gaskin, secretary, Oklahoma Baptist Historical Commission; and A. Ronald Tonks, assistant executive secretary of the Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, and director of the Commission's Oral History Program.

"Oral History is a means of probing the memory of Baptist leaders who have been involved in a lifetime of service among Southern Baptists," said Lynn E. May, Jr., executive secretary of the Historical Commission. "Special program features presented during our meeting will emphasize the values of oral history and suggest ways to develop oral history programs."

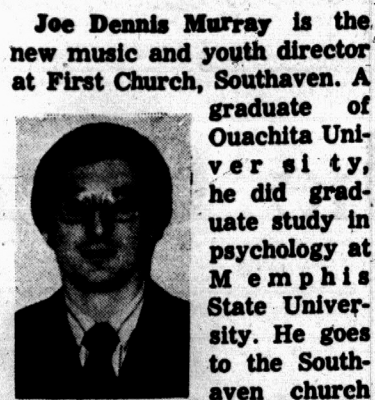


## Names In The News

On Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m., the Music Department of Blue Mountain College will present Ray Kirk of Iuka in his senior voice recital. The public is invited. Mr. Kirk is minister of music at West Heights, Pontotoc.

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 94, Noxapater, Miss. 39346, her hometown).

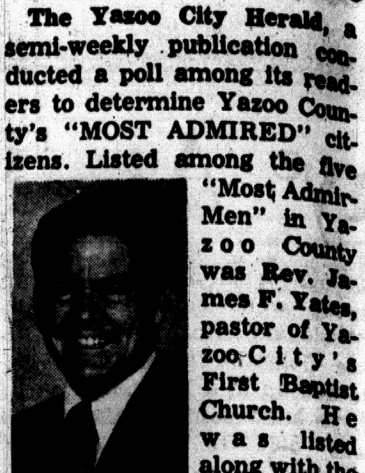
Thomas F. McMinn, Jr., is a new editor of children's materials in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. McMinn came to the Sunday School Board from Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Tex., where he was serving as minister of childhood education.



Joe Dennis Murray is the new music and youth director at First Church, Southaven. A graduate of Ouachita University, he did graduate study in psychology at Memphis State University. He goes to the Southaven church after serving two years with the Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. He is married to the former Nita Pettus from El Dorado, Arkansas. They have one son, Mike. Rev. J. B. Rose is the Southaven pastor.

William Carey College pre-med student, Michael L. Palmer, of Purvis, has been notified of his acceptance as a student this coming fall at the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson.

Evangelist Jerry Mixon will be the featured speaker at the Lawrence Associational Evangelism conference on April 28 at Monticello Church. Individual special conferences will begin at 7 p.m. with the inspirational messages at 8. Rev. Talmadge Smith, Director of Evangelism.



The Yazoo City Herald, a semi-weekly publication conducted a poll among its readers to determine Yazoo County's "MOST ADMIRABLE" citizens. Listed among the five "Most Admirable Men" in Yazoo County was Rev. James F. Yates, pastor of Yazoo City's First Baptist Church. He was listed along with the other four top vote-getters, a physician, a merchant who also serves as one of the county supervisors, a businessman, and the local superintendent of the public school system.

W. Howard Ethington of Columbus, Ga., has been named as secretary of church-minister relations service of the Georgia Baptist Convention's state mission program.

Carl E. Sanders of Iuka Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., began as pastor of Glendale Church, De Funiak Springs, Fla. on March 23. He is in his second year at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville. Mrs. Sanders was Dicy Towery of Tupelo.



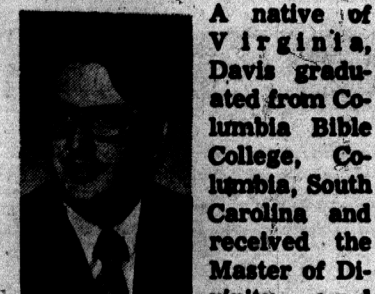
Rev. and Mrs. John A. Wade recently were honored by a special service celebrating their eleventh year of ministry at Valden Church. Following the service, the Wades were presented two nice recliners and a pier table.

Ralford Bullock, pictured, is now minister of music at First Church, Pocahontas, Tennessee. He has served churches in Tippah, Benton, Alcorn, Monroe and Lowndes counties in Mississippi. For eight months prior to going to Pocahontas he served his home church, Fellowship (Tippah) without pay. As a "farewell" gift Fellowship presented him with a new leather-bound Baptist hymnal.



Mr. and Mrs. Ted E. Yarbrough, missionaries to Guatemala, may be addressed at Apartado 1135, Guatemala, Guatemala. They are natives of Alabama. He is a graduate of William Carey College.

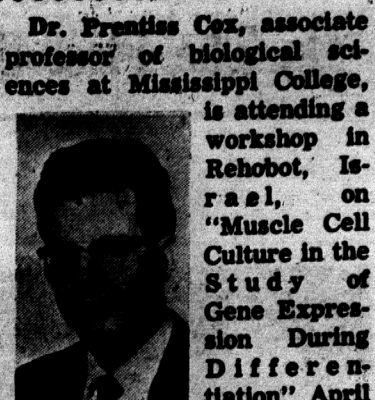
Billy Davis began his work as minister of education and administration with First, Greenville on March 1. He, his wife, Linda, and two children, Barry and Susan, moved to Greenville from a similar capacity with Calvary, Tupelo.



A native of Virginia, Davis graduated from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina and received the Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary.

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Evangelist Jerry Mixon will speak April 19 at the Marion Associational Youth Rally. Rev. Terrell Suggs, program director, invites area youth to participate. The meeting will be held at New Hope Church, 7 p.m.



Dr. Primitius Cox, associate professor of biological sciences at Mississippi College, is attending a workshop in Rehoboth, Israel, on "Muscle Cell Culture in the Study of Gene Expression During Differentiation" April 5-11. The workshop is at the Weisman Institute of Science in Rehoboth. Dr. Cox was invited by Dr. David Yaffee of the Weisman Institute. Dr. Yaffee does tissue culture work using muscle cells from mammals and had expressed interest in Dr. Cox's research in this area using lizards. The National Science Foundation will pay Dr. Cox's airfare, and the European Molecular Biology Organization will pay his expenses at the meeting.

Jerry Clower, Mississippi's funniest man, will tell the world how he started as a comic when he visits "MasterControl" the week of April 25. "MasterControl" is produced and syndicated on 632 radio stations by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

## Baptist Committee Asks Religious Liberty Sunday

WASHINGTON — A Religious Liberty Sunday has been proposed for the Baptists of the United States and Canada by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The suggested date for Religious Liberty Sunday is the second Sunday in June.

In a letter to the Baptist bodies sponsoring the Baptist Joint Committee, James E. Wood, Jr., executive director, wrote, "Nothing has been more closely identified with Baptists than the principle of religious liberty."

Encouraging action on the request of the Baptist Joint Committee, Wood continued, "As with political freedom and social justice, religious liberty is far from being realized throughout most of the world and remains a continuing concern in North America as well. Observance of Religious Liberty Sunday could do much to deepen Baptist appreciation and understanding of religious liberty."

Already the Southern Baptist Convention has included the second Sunday in June of each year as Religious Liberty Sunday in its denominational calendar.

## Van Winkle To Present "J. B."

"J.B." by Archibald MacLeish marks the second work in an annual drama series at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, entitled "The People of God" Drama Series. The play will be presented April 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.

"J.B." is a contemporary version of the Book of Job. It explores various aspects of guilt, sin, and man's relationship to God during times of suffering. It won the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 1958.

The cast includes Paul Earley as Nickles; Al Holiday as Zuss; Howard Heiden as J.B. and JoAnn Heiden as J.B.'s wife, Sarah. J.B.'s children are Gretchen Heiden Jody Meeks, Lynda Ellis, Ricky Moore, and Becky Ferns. Nancy Womack and Ester Holmes are the maids. Messengers are Bill Fowler and Eddie Ellis. Barbara Moore plays The Girl and the women are Barbara Hosey, Judy Laing, Lisa Fortenberry, Jeanie Bryant, Ann Merchant, Loraine Hendrix, and Debbie Nicholson. Comforters are Charlie Boudreaux, Bruce Davis, and Kipp Ferns.

## SBC Evangelists Set Annual Session

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will hold its annual meeting here, Wednesday, June 11, between sessions of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

The program, featuring addresses by three evangelists and special music, will be preceded by a concert at 12:45 p.m. in the South Hall of the Miami Beach Convention Center. The program begins at 1:30 p.m.

Paul Jackson, an evangelist from Little Rock; Wayne Bristow, an evangelist from Lubbock; and Hyman Appelman, an evangelist from Kansas City, Mo., will bring major addresses.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

# Should A Pastor Or Church Employee Consider The New IRA In His Personal Retirement Planning?

By DAROLD H. MORGAN  
ANNUITY BOARD PRESIDENT

Retirement planning is a very popular subject today. Inflation, the huge deficits reported in Social Security, plus the widespread publicity and advertising of the Individual Retirement Accounts, all have focused attention on this modern day need.

Since passage of the new Pension Reform Act, different pastors have asked Annuity Board personnel if they should consider Individual Retirement Accounts. For this chance to respond, we are grateful.

It gives us an opportunity to show multi-strengths and benefits of the Southern Baptist Retirement Program (SBRP) as well as explain Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

First of all, pastors, church and denominational employees who are active participants in the SBRP are not eligible for IRA. For other persons qualified but not participating, we believe very strongly that SBRP is a much better program for them. Our retirement program has been designed just for ministers, church and denominational employees. Not only do we seek to provide the largest amount of benefits at the lowest cost possible, but we also insist that no matter where a member serves within the SBC he can carry his coverage with him. Portability of benefits is very important to him and his family.

Both the SBRP and IRA are plans which can be tax sheltered. This means the contributions are fully tax-excludable and you don't pay taxes on any part until you begin receiving retirement benefits.

SBRP and IRA differ in two ways:

(1) In SBRP, an active member has family protection income benefits and disability income immediately after the initial year of participation.

In IRA, the individual basically has a tax sheltered

savings plan. He gets back just what he paid into it plus earnings. There are no family benefits.

(2) In SBRP, a member's employer may tax shelter 20% of his total taxable compensation for him with no maximum each year.

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Here are some examples of amounts that can be tax sheltered, annually, on different salaries:

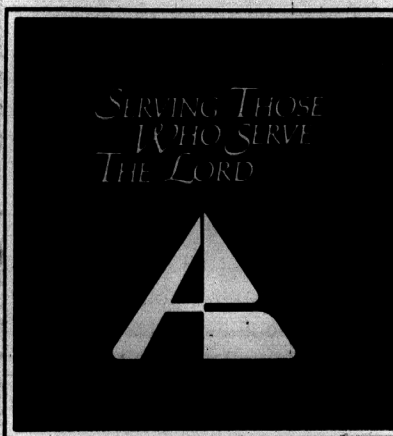
Income	SBRP	IRA
\$ 2,000	\$ 400	\$ 300
6,000	1,200	900
10,000	2,000	1,500
14,000	2,800	1,500
18,000	3,600	1,500
22,000	4,400	1,500

There is one other important factor to remember. In SBRP, the member shares in extra earnings of the Annuity Board. When

investment returns exceed actuarial requirements of the plans, the excess is used to boost benefit credits for active members and to provide 13th Checks for retired annuitants.

The Annuity Board believes IRA is a worthy program and one long needed to help anyone not eligible for a retirement program like SBRP. We hope pastors and church employees who do not have retirement plans will take a hard look at both SBRP and IRA. You'll see SBRP exceeds every governmental requirement.

If you want more information about the SBRP and IRA, write me or contact the Annuity Secretary in your state convention office. We have a new folder which explains both retirement plans. It is yours for the asking.





# Man's Responsibility For Creation

By Wm J. Falls  
Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8

Until just a few years ago most people had never used the word "ecology" because they had no idea what it meant. Now it is a fairly popular word among newspaper reporters, social reformers, and young dissidents. Some people may think then that it is a recently discovered disease or perhaps some imaginary threat to "the American way." But "ecology" is the study of the mutual relations of living organisms and their environment. It is concerned with the effect of air pollution on eyes and lungs, the large and rapid use of essential minerals, and the population growth in relation to food supply and living room. Because God's created world is our environment, Christians can see that emphasizing ecology might help us accept our responsibility for creation.

## The Lesson Explained LORD OF THE UNIVERSE (Ps. 8:1-4)

Because of its brevity and simplicity of theme, this is one of the better known poems in the Psalms.

ter. In these opening verses the poet is almost overwhelmed with the majesty and creative power of God. The first sentence — "A volume of praise" — is repeated in the last verse, as though it was a refrain. The word "excellent" can be translated "majestic" or "glorious." Although the Lord's praise is shown in the heavens, he is revealed in a far different way in the prattle of children, and the potential strength there can withstand his enemies. The power of the cosmic drama is one thing; the influences of persons for good is something else.

If the universe was large for the ancient Hebrew, think how it has exploded in the twentieth century. What a temptation for a person of little faith in a little god to decide that persons do not matter.

Verses 3 and 4 seem to sharpen the focus on these two ideas. The poet recalls his experiences under the nighttime sky, marveling at the moon and stars and their differing positions from month to month. All these the Lord had brought into being, and he sustained that heavenly pageant. How can man be noticed by the Lord on such a gigantic stage? How can we believe that God cares for ("visits") him? But the question is only rhetorical because the poet

knows the Lord. Translators have had trouble with verse 2 because the Hebrew is not clear, but it seems to mean that God can use apparently weak resources to deal with his enemies.  
**MAN INFERIOR ONLY TO GOD**  
(Ps. 8:5-9)

The phrase "a little lower than the angels" is a translation in the ancient Greek version (Septuagint) of the Old Testament. The Hebrew text was "God" and not angels; it is the same Hebrew word for God used in Genesis 1:1. So, man is less than divine. But because he was made in the image of God, he is inferior only to God. He is aware of himself, he can imagine and plan, he can laugh, and he has a sense of oughtness. He is a person.

Because man is a person, he is superior to all other living beings. Cats have keener vision, dogs have better hearing and sharper sense of smell, horses can run faster. But the superiority of man is in being a person; this is his "glory and honor." It is the reason that God gave him "dominion" over the rest of creation. While animals live on the instinctive level, man can utilize his own instincts and live beyond them. He can recognize bad situations and work out ways to deal with them. He can state fair principles

for sharing and developing resources of the earth and create structures for cooperation. He can plan and organize. As a being in the image of God, man has responsibility for helping the created order fulfill God's purpose.

Then while listing the creatures man would control, the poet suddenly repeats the opening verse of the psalm — a fitting conclusion for his meditation.

## STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION (Gen. 1:26)

This verse shows where the psalmist got the idea of God's giving man "dominion" or control over other living beings. At first glance, it seems man has a kind of despotic authority, but the verse does not say that. Instead, God gave man a responsibility to guide, train, control, and use animals as God's stewards on earth. Because man is made in the image of God, many scholars argue that in bearing that image, man is God's representative on earth. Ancient monarchs used to set up statues of themselves in conquered countries as a sign of authority. The phrase "over all the earth" probably refers to beasts, perhaps the wild ones. In other words, man's privilege of personally carries a real responsibility; he will be accountable for his treatment of animals.



Dedication Day was held March 9 at First Church, Durant, for a 48 passenger bus, the renovation of the activities building and the new 4 bedroom pastorium. A former pastor, Rev. Durrell Makamson, associate pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, preached

at 11 followed by a covered dish luncheon. A special music program was held before Open House at the new pastorium. The pastor, Rev. Ed McDaniel, wife Libby and three children, Deborah, Rhonda and Cindy recently moved into the new home.

## Pollard, Black On Program For Church Recreation Conference

NASHVILLE — The only Recreation Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, will be held this summer at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, June 7-13.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., will serve as speaker for the week-long conference. Music activities will be conducted by Larry Black, minister of music at Jackson's First Church. Nathan Porter, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, Ark., will be the Bible study leader.

Session topics include Indoor and Outdoor Games; Making Puppets and Puppet Show Production; Recreation and Missions; Day Camping, Wilderness Camping and Hikes; Recreation Music; Arts and Christianity; Creative Writing; Table Games; Theater Games, Improvisation and Pantomime; Beginning and Advanced Crafts; Fellowships; Novelty Sports; and Multi-Media.

Persons interested in participating in the Church Recreation Leadership Conference should contact Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770.

## "The Naturals" To Sing On Apr. 11

"Naturally Spectacular," a musical extravaganza featuring The Naturals of Mississippi College, will be presented at the college on Friday, April 11, at 8 p. m. in Nelson Auditorium.

Sponsored under the auspices of the Intertribal Council on campus, the evening of musical entertainment will feature numbers appealing to all age groups. Tickets to the public performance will cost \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. The creative choreographer is Mary Jane Savage of Clinton, an artist in her own right who began working with The Naturals at their inception.

Directing the group is Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

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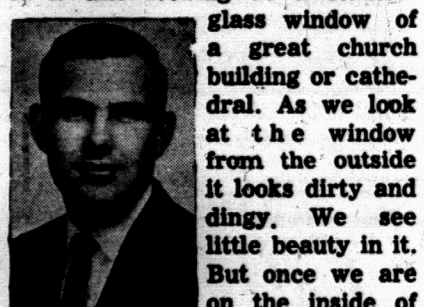
## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Call To New Understanding

By Bill Duncan  
Ephesians 1:15-23

What does it mean to be a real Christian? It means to be brought into a vital, life changing union with the resurrected Christ. That which is potentially in the initial experience becomes a living, dynamic reality in our lives.

Most people read or hear this and say "I do not understand." It is like looking at a stained-glass window of a great church building or cathedral. As we look at the window from the outside it looks dirty and dingy. We see little beauty in it. But once we are on the inside of the building with the sun shining through we can see the beauty and the imagery of the window. Frequently, the will of God and the things of God from the outside look dark and foreboding. But once we step inside we see the beauty of what God's Word teaches.



The new understanding that God brings into the life of the believer is not sudden. This experience, of gaining a new understanding, is the same basic idea of Romans 12:2 "by the renewal of your mind." Renewal is made up of two Greek words: *neos* means "new in point of time" and *kainos* means "new in point of character and nature." When one is saved he is given a new perspective but the renewal takes time so it becomes progressive as well. The understanding is new in a sense of relationship to God but it is also challenging in that it too is a gift of God.

Knowledge or understanding that a Christian needs is not all manner of topics and subjects but the highest form of understanding, which is to know God. The theme of Paul's prayer for the church is for the Spirit of wisdom. He prays that the church may be led deeper and deeper into the knowledge of the eternal truths. For a person to discover the truth of God he must be a person who wants to think the things of God. Then the church needs to have a

teaching ministry for the converts and interested Christians.

Wisdom does not come by human ingenuity and cleverness, but it is the gift of God. Revelation is the name for this gracious self-disclosure of God.

For the Christian growth, in knowledge of God, is essential. The Christian life could be described as getting to know God better everyday.

Paul adds to his request for knowledge a petition that the enlightened minds of the readers would know three things: "the hope of his calling" (v. 18), "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints," and "the exceeding greatness of his power to usward that believe." These come only from the wisdom or understanding that God gives.

(1) "The hope of his calling." The idea of "calling" refers to the effectual call of God that actually issues in conversion. The called of God are those who have obeyed God's summons and have been made believers in Christ. Since we have been called we need to know the purpose and outcome of our calling now. This will also let us know what our calling has secured for us in the heavenly life.

(2) "The riches of his glory of his inheritance." Is the reference to God's inheritance in the saints

or the saints inheritance in God? The former is preferred. Do you realize how precious you are to God? Our treasure is in God and his treasure is in his redeemed people.

(3) "The exceeding greatness of his power" (v. 19). The call referred to the past; the inheritance referred to the future; the power which suggests the limitless resources available to believers concerns the present. It is not all hope for the future. The renewal of understanding should inform the believer of the surpassing greatness of God's power at work in him. How do you describe the power of God? It is limitless and beyond human experience to portray. Paul wanted Christians to know that their faith relationship to Jesus Christ releases God's limitless power to accomplish his divine purpose in personal human experience.

The dimensions of power that the Christian needs to understand are matchless. The supreme demonstration of God's power was the raising of Jesus from the dead. The same power is present to lift us, to transform our lives into his likeness. The exaltation of Christ, to the right hand of God, expresses the unique supremacy and sovereign power of Jesus Christ. All of this power is available to us in daily living.

A new understanding of Jesus Christ is received when one becomes a believer. Have you even stopped to ask yourself why Paul does not give a lot of emphasis to the earthly ministry of Jesus? Do you think that Paul was led to show us how the living Christ can help us live the Christian life? Now a Christian can know the

## Morrison Heights Choir To Present "Alleluia" Soon

The Sanctuary Choir of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will present "Alleluia" on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance, under the direction of Bill Barnes, the church's minister of music, will be held at Morrison Heights Church, located at 201 Morrison Drive, Clinton.

Rev. Charles Gentry is the pastor.

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## Devotional

## A Fresh Start

By C. Glenn Sullivan, Pastor, Oakhurst, Clarksdale

Several years ago one of my boys became very frustrated one morning because his sweater didn't button like it was supposed to do. The cause of the problem was quite clear. He had started wrong. He experienced what Copernicus was talking about when he said, "If the first button of your coat is buttoned wrong, all the rest will be out of place."

How true this is. It's true of sweaters and coats and it is true in life. If we continue on from a wrong start we will end up wrong. Simple but true. When my son came to me, we unbuttoned the sweater and got a fresh start. We got the correct match between button and buttonhole. Both sides were aligned. It ended up right this time. There are many individuals that have made a wrong start. A realization that a wrong start has been made is essential to be in right relationship to God. A fresh start with God can correct many problems.

After the fresh start, there must be continuing of the proper relationship. For instance, it is good to go to the doctor to have an ailment diagnosed. You then need to follow up and take the medicine he has given. It's good to enter a child in school but he has to be in attendance to get the most out of it. We normally do these things. Yet when it comes to the spiritual life we take a different route. I've had youth to come forward and make a profession of faith and ask for baptism at the hands of the church. That's good. The next Sunday the parents took the entire family fishing and kept that young Christian out of church. The start was good, but the continuing wasn't.

In the physical, mental, and spiritual realms, the right start is important. It makes the goal so much easier to reach. The right relationship needs to continue for us to do our best.

We all make wrong starts throughout our lives. Sometimes in haste, confusion, or unconcern we make an improper start. These mistakes do not have to be final. We can and should make our corrections as soon as possible.

Don't come to the conclusion of this life and find that you have ended up wrong because you made a bad start. Jesus gives the opportunity for a new beginning to all those who seek it in repentance and forgiveness. As Luke (18:3-14) illustrates the new beginning for the publican, a new start is available for each of us through Jesus Christ.

## Pascagoula's Calvary To Present

## "The King Is Coming" At 1st, Waynesboro

Calvary, Pascagoula, will present their original dramatic musical "The King Is Coming" Saturday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at First Church, Waynesboro.

The script was written by Mrs. Laurie Burkes, member of the choir and chairman of the dramatic committee. Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir, and wife of the pastor, set the script to music and drama.

This will be approximately the 51st presentation of this production in various cities — the latest being in First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Buddy Mathis, one of Mississippi's youth evangelists, will portray character narrations and

accompany the choir on the trumpet.

Rev. Brooks Barkley is pastor of First, Waynesboro and Jimmy Little is minister of music.

## Carter Bearden To Speak At Deaf Conference

Carter Bearden will lead in conferences on "Camp and Recreation Programs for the Deaf" and "Total Ministry for the Deaf Within the Local Church" at First Church, Wiggins, on Wednesday, April 23, in the main auditorium. Mr. Bearden will also be speak-



## Home Missions Walk

The RAs of the First Baptist Church in McComb had a Walk-a-thon for Home Missions. Steve Jackson and Bill Carr are pictured presenting \$126.50 to Mrs. Tommy Parker, WMU director for the church. The money was for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions. Each boy secured his own sponsors at 25 cents per mile for the hike. Steve had 12 sponsors and Bill had 8. There were 15 boys and 4 adults who made the hike. This money all came after the church had reached its goal for the Home Mission offering.

## Revival Dates

Everett Church, (Simpson): April 9-13; Sunday, dinner on the grounds; Rev. Z. T. Winingham, pastor, FBC, Cineville, La., evangelist; J. L. Floyd, Mendenhall, singer; Mrs. Paul Gray, Mendenhall, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Rev. Earl E. Brown, pastor.

First, Gautier: April 13-18; Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, pastor of Allendale Church, Austin, Texas, and former Mississippian, evangelist; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; attendance goals of 500 each in Sunday School and Sunday morning and evening worship services have been set, and 250 for Church Training; (the church has two Sunday School hours, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Church Training at 6.)

ing at the evening worship service for the deaf at 7 p.m. Special music will be presented by deaf members of local churches.

All deaf and workers with the deaf are invited to attend these conferences from 1:00-4:00 and 4:00-6:00 as well as the evening worship service.

First, Coffeeville, April 20-25; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday 9:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Pratt, First, Winona, evangelist; Paul Harper, minister of music and youth; singer; Rev. Donnie L. Stewart, pastor.

Puckett Church: April 13-18; spring revival; Rev. James F. Smith, pastor, evangelist; S. J. Hudson, music director; services at 7:30 p.m.

Westview, Jackson: April 14-20; Rev. Bennie Boone, pastor of Eighth Avenue, Meridian, evangelist; James McElroy of Forest, music evangelist; Rev. C. H. Locklin, pastor; services 10 a.m. Tues.-Fri., and 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Liberty (Pontotoc): April 20-25; Rev. David Poe, pastor of New Hope Church (Lee), evangelist; Wayne Barkley of Center (Union Co.), singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harvey Sewell, pastor.

Braxton: April 24-27; Evangelist Jerry Mixon of Petal, preaching; Rev. G. P. Bufkin, pastor.



## Highland, Meridian, To Build Sanctuary

Highland Church, Meridian, has voted to build a new sanctuary, kitchen, fellowship hall, library, and office suite at a cost of \$625,000, including furnishings. The sanctuary will house a three manual electronic organ equal to a \$6 rank pipe organ. The building will be Gothic in design. James W. McCleasky, Hattiesburg, is architect. The pastor of Highland is Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton.

## Baptist College Ante 'Lopes' To NAIA Basketball Title

By Paul Barnes  
PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — What is it like to be Number One?

Ask Gerald Ford.  
Or Ben Lindsey.  
Ben who?

Yeah, Ben Lindsey. He's the veteran coach of the Grand Canyon College Antelopes here — the nation's number one NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) basketball team.

The 25-year-old Baptist college's team almost "loped" their way through the recent five-day endurance contest known as the 38th Annual NAIA Tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

The Antelopes defeated the Midwestern University Indians of Texas, 65-54 for the crown and were the first championship team in the NAIA tournament's history to also take home the Coaches Sportsmanship Trophy.

Earlier opponents for the Antelopes were Williamette University of Oregon, Illinois Wesleyan College, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and Alcorn State University of Mississippi.

Grand Canyon College was the third smallest school represented

Midway, Pontotoc: April 13-18; Rev. Kara Blackard, pastor at Beulah, Union County, evangelist; Mrs. W. C. Mathews, Midway, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; daily services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Winston Ross, pastor.

in the 32-team national tournament.

All-American Center, 6-10 Bayard Forrest of Grand Canyon was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.



## 700 Attend Leadership Conferences

Over 700 persons from National Baptist churches attended Leadership Conferences over the state recently. Conference leaders (left to right) were Dr. T. B. Brown, president, Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Miss Waudine Storey, associate, WMU; Dr. Richard Brogan, director, Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists; and Mrs. Alma Barnes, Sophia Sutton Assembly.

## Eleven From State To Lead Revivals In Montana

Of fifteen simultaneous revivals to be held in Montana April 27-May 4, evangelists for eleven of the meetings will be from Mississippi.

Mississippi preachers to take part in the revival effort, and the churches where they are to preach are: Lakeview, Baker, Montana, Rev. Elton Moore, Brandon; First, Hamilton, Rev. Floyd Hughes, Gulfport; Easthaven, Kallispell, Dr. Gail DeBord, Long Beach; First, Three Forks, Rev. Wayne Crenshaw, Jackson; Calvary, Helena, Rev. C. H. Locklin, Jackson; Trinity, Billings, Dr. Louis Smith, Jackson; Highland, Great Falls, Rev. Lavon Hatten, Winona; First, Glendive, Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo; Harlowton Chapel, Rev. Farris Smith, J. A. yess; Immanuel, Havre, John Forsman, Laurel; Emmanuel, Billings, Ervin Brown, Hernando.

## Off The Record

"Do you behave in church?" an interested relative asked Junior when he came to visit. "I guess I do," said Junior. "I heard a lady behind me say she never saw a child behave so." — Sunshine Mag.

A little boy of six was seated next to an old lady in church. When the ushers started to take the collection, the lady fumbled in her purse but was unable to find her money. Suddenly the little boy nudged her. "Here," he said, "you take my quarter, and I can hide under the seat." — GLENN EVERETT, New Pulpit Digest.



## Dr. Kelly Visits Southern Seminary

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, discusses pastoral needs in Mississippi with Southern Seminary student David Daniels. The third year theology student is a graduate of Mississippi College. Dr. Kelly interviewed several students interested in serving in Mississippi after they complete their seminary training.



## Lead In Revivals In Alaska

The 1975 Simultaneous Revivals were conducted in churches and missions associated with the Alaska Baptist Convention March 9-23, according to Dr. Troy Prince, evangelism director for the Convention.

The above men from Mississippi served in the crusade: Left to right: Herman Milner, Jackson, as evangelist at Calvary, Anchorage; Paul Laughlin, Wichita, Kansas, as music director at First Church, Delta Junction; John Laughlin, First Church, Meridian, as music director, First Church, Anchorage, and University Baptist, College, Alaska; Howard Benton, Pearl, as evangelist at Trinity, Anchorage; Jimmy T. Smith, Smithdale, as evangelist at First, Delta Junction; J. C. Renfro, Pearl, as evangelist at University Baptist, College, Alaska; Wilson Winstead, Griffith Memorial, Jackson, as evangelist at North Star in Clear, Alaska. Enlistment of personnel for the annual revivals is done jointly by the Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board and the Evangelism Director for the Alaska Baptist Convention.

## Retreat For Single Adults To Be Held On Gulf Coast

A retreat for single adults is being planned for the Gulf Park College Campus, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, May 30, 31, June 1, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission. "This will be an expansion of programs formerly planned for single parents," Dr. Hensley said.

Personnel from the Sunday School and Stewardship departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be participating. Out-of-state personnel will include Harold Bergen, Consultant, Family Life Department, and Joseph M. Haynes, Consultant, Young Adult Department, both of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Julie Lide, Associate to Director, Friendship House, New Orleans. Other personnel will include Rev. Bryant Cummings, Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Joy Thomas, Jackie Payne and Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, all of Jackson.

The program will begin with entertainment at 8 p.m. on Friday night, followed by theme interpretation and a devotional message. Saturday will afford time for Bible study and four conference

periods, with the afternoon free. Among the conference themes will be "Enlarging the Dimensions of Friendship," "Breaking Free of the Money Trap," "Avoiding the Sex Trap," "Freeing Our Children to Be," and "Coping with Personal Problems."

The Bible Study periods will be led by Dr. Gail DeBord, pastor, First Church, Long Beach.

The conference will close with worship at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, with adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Cost of the retreat will be \$25.00 which includes registration, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. A limited number of persons can be accepted at these rates. After the first eighty registrants, off-campus lodging is available at slightly higher rates. Registration fees of \$5.00 should be sent to the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

MADRID, Spain — Immanuel Baptist Church here was led in a weekend revival by a 24-member lay renewal team from Texas. The English-language church welcomed the team which traveled more than 5,000 miles to lead the revival.

## Workshop Cruise Planned For Associational Leaders

NASHVILLE — The ocean liner S-S Emerald Seas, sailing from Miami, Fla., will be the floating site of an Associational Church Training Leadership Workshop Cruise, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 1975.

Directors of associational missions; associational church training directors; associational pastor-advisors; associational age-division leaders such as preschool, children, youth and adult; state church training leaders with assignments in associational work; and the wife or husband of

any of the above should benefit from this workshop cruise.

Cost for each participant will be \$285, which includes passage from Miami to Nassau, workshop fee and materials, lodging, meals, snacks, port tax and limited transportation in Nassau. The only expense after leaving Miami will be personal spending money and tips.

Participants must register by Aug. 1, 1975. A downpayment of \$50 should be made at the time of registration with the remainder due before Aug. 1.

## Revival Results

East Taylorsville Church, Taylorsville, N. C.: March 22-23; Gary Jennings, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 13 decisions; four professions of faith.

First, Louise: Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor of Glendale, Greenville, evangelist; Harold Wilcox, minister of music, First, Indiana, singer; Rev. Dan Mobley, pastor; eight for baptism; two by letter; 90 rededications; high attendance on Tuesday night of 225.

Shady Grove, Hazlehurst: Mar. 9-13; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; Farris Smith, pastor; 53 decisions; 24 professions of faith.

Burkmont Church, Morganton, N. C.: March 15-21; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; Robert Tenery, pastor; 82 decisions; 63 professions of faith.

Corinth, near Purvis: Rev. Mike Raspberry, evangelist; Al Fike, singer; six professions of faith; two on transfer of letter; 14 re-

## Congressmen Propose National Food Day

WASHINGTON (BP) — A bipartisan group of U. S. Congressmen called here for the designation of April 17 as National Food Day.

The proposal won the immediate approval of James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here. At its semiannual meeting in early March, the Joint Committee adopted a statement calling on government to extend its efforts in making food available to the needy overseas.

Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa)

dedications; Rev. Ronnie Wright, pastor.

Indian Springs Church: Rev. B. A. Conway, pastor; Evangelist Jerry Mixon; Daryl Farrington, singer; seven professions of faith.

Rocky Creek, Lucedale: Mar. 16-23; Evangelist Hyman Appelman; Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor; 67 decisions; 34 for baptism; eight on transfer of letters; 25 for either other churches or reassurance; Sunday morning, more than 600 people ringed the auditorium in a complete dedication of self and substance, to Bible study, family altar, church loyalty, tithing, and soul winning.

and Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N. Y.) introduced into both houses of Congress legislation designed "to mobilize public concern over the need for a national food policy which will promote better quality, lower priced food supplies, ensure the livelihood of the family farmer, and allow increased U. S. assistance to needy nations."

Clark and Rosenthal were joined by 59 other lawmakers in making their proposal.

The statement approved by the Baptist Joint Committee, a body composed of representatives of nine Baptist conventions and conferences in the United States and Canada, expressed approval of recent actions by both the Canadian and U. S. government calling for additional foodstuffs to the hungry abroad. It went on, however, to urge the two nations to "extend their leadership" and make additional food allocations. Rosenthal said government action is "urgently needed" because of dwindling domestic food reserves, increasing food prices, the deteriorating situation on the nation's farms, the nutritional needs of children and the elderly, and the "chronic threat of starvation and famine" overseas.